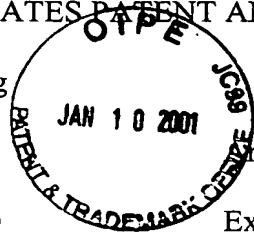


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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the outstanding Office Action submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The outstanding Office Action was issued October 12, 2000, the initial period for response expiring December 12, 2000.

As required, the appropriate fee of \$110.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a one month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (7175/65430).

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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